

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 -  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 2633**

Attorney's Docket No. 038190/239642

PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re: Thomas L. Weaver et al.

Confirmation No.: 9101

Appl. No.: 09/975,168

Group No.: 2633

Filed: October 11, 2001

Examiner: Nathan M. Curs

For: CLOSED-LOOP OPTICAL NETWORK SYSTEM  
AND AN ASSOCIATED TRANSCEIVER AND METHOD  
FOR TRANSMITTING A PLURALITY OF OPTICAL SIGNALS

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**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)**

1. This is a petition for an extension of time for a total period of one (1) months to respond to the Office Action dated January 11, 2006.
2. Applicant is ☐ a small entity; ☒ other than a small entity.
3. Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(a)(5)):

|                                     | Total Months<br><u>Requested</u> | Fee For Other<br><u>Than Small Entity</u> | Fee for<br><u>Small Entity</u> |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | one month                        | \$120.00                                  | \$60.00                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | two months                       | \$450.00                                  | \$225.00                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | three months                     | \$1,020.00                                | \$510.00                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | four months                      | \$1,590.00                                | \$795.00                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | five months*                     | \$2,160.00                                | \$1,080.00                     |

\*Cannot be used to exceed six-month statutory limit for response to an Official Action.

- ☐ A check in the amount of \$      is enclosed.
- ☒ Charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605 for the extension fee (\$120.00).
- ☒ Charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605 for any fee deficiency.

Respectfully submitted,



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